

In the Specification:

Amend paragraph [0026] as follows:

[0026] The pressurizing roller 50 has an outside diameter of 30 mm, for example, and has a 4mm-thick elastic layer [[54]] (not shown) composed of rubber or sponge on an outer circumference of a metal core that is like a metal cylinder. A 40 μ m-thick mold release layer (not shown) is formed on a surface of the elastic layer [[54]]. The pressurizing roller 50 is driven by a motor (not shown) to rotate in a direction of an arrow A. It is to be noted that an auxiliary heater may be provided inside the pressurizing roller 50.

Amend paragraph [0035] as follows:

[0035] After the fixing belt 12 is heated so as to have the specified fixation temperature, the paper having the unfixed toner image formed on the surface thereof is guided by the pre-fixation guide 60 so as to be introduced into the fixing nip 40. Thus the toner image [[T]] is fixed onto the paper while the paper is passed through the fixing nip 40. The paper having passed through the fixing nip 40 is conveyed upward and is then ejected to outside of the image forming apparatus.